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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1 — 10

Major **Part B for** Aug 1865

SUBJECT.

Proposal to reduce the Abkari Establishment in ~~Coorg~~ Coorg

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Docketed

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Section S.R
File No 3 - 1865
Serial No 1

Gen: No: 197
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From The Ag: Secretary to the
To Commissioner for Coorg
The Officiating Superintendent of Coorg
Dated 14th August
Despatched 22nd Do:
Received

Enclosures, No.

General No: 197 } 1865/66
No: 47 }

Subject.

In reply to his letter No: 622 of the 25th Ultimo conveys the Commissioner's instructions regarding Sudder Distillery in Coorg.

Genl. Do. 197
Genl. 47 } 1865-66.

C. C. O.

D/ Bangalore 1st August 1865.

To

The Offg. Superintendent
of Coorg.

Sir

I refer to your letter No: 622 dated the 25th Ultimo I have the honor by desire of the Comsr. to observe that recent reports received from Mysore establish the necessity of maintaining a separate Distillery at Fraserpet.

D 1/8/65

The suggestions in Paras. 2 and 3 are therefore approved, it being understood that no monopoly will be allowed, although you will exercise the right of selection if necessary.

3. The Comsr. considers that the rental of retail shops in Kadiadepett and Virajpett may be put up to auction, on the Kudder Distillery system being introduced

introduced -

4 With regard to paras. 5 & 8, I am directed to re-mark that a Darogah will be required to inspect all the retail shops occasion-ally, and to ascertain that liquor is not clandestinely manufactured and sold, and also that it is not adulterated. Such revision of establishment as may be needed should be submit-ted in the regular tabular form with a view to it's being forwarded to the Govt. of India.

5. The first thing to be done is to erect an enclosure, the expense of which should be defrayed from the value of the pre-sent distillery premises. A room will be required for the residence of the Guardsmen and Peons, who should be entered in the revised Establishment.

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1865. No. 114

Section S.R
File No 3-1865.
Serial No 2

From the Officiating Superintendent
of Coorg

To the Secretary
to the Commissioner

Dated Coorg the 15th September
Despatched 1865
Received 19th Sept

Enclosures, No. 1

No 1047

Subject

Forwarding a Tabular
Statement to shew the existing
Abkaree Establishments
& those proposed to retain
after the introduction of
the Licensed Distillery System

Coorg 19 Septr

The Schedule of Estabts to be submitted
to the Govt of India for sanction, with a
precis of the correspondence.

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5 No. 1047

From

The Offg. Superintendent
of Coorg

To

The Secretary
to the Commissioner
for the affairs of Coorg
Bangalore

Dated Coorg 15th September 1865

Sir,

Adverting to your No. 1747 of the 1st Ultimo, I have the honor to submit the usual Tabular Statement, shewing the existing Abkaree Establishments and those I would propose to retain, after the introduction of the Sudder Distillery System.—

2. The Executive Engineer went over the present Buildings at Fraserpett with me, and is engaged in preparing the Estimates for the Sudder Enclosure: but I regret to say that he states that the enclosure cannot be completed before March or April next, so that the system cannot be introduced till the 1st of the ensuing official year.—

3. I would, therefore propose that the present buildings be put up to auction on the 1st February next, so that the purchaser would have 3 Months to collect Materials and complete his arrangements.—

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4 The present Manager of the Abkaree Department is an old Coorg of long Service: but, owing to his having accompanied the late Rajah to Benares, his continuous Service is not long enough to admit of his obtaining pension; and I would beg to recommend that his present post be maintained as long as he may hold it, unless he should hereafter prefer a Claim for Special pension, in Consideration of his services and abolition of his appointment.—

5 The Executive Engineer has so much work in hand that he has not yet been able to furnish me with the Estimate for the Jail Enclosure; but the Cost could be met out of the proceeds of the sale of the present buildings.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

B. Wills

Offg. Superintendent

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Section S.R.
File No 3 — 1865
Serial No 3

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Gen. No. 313
Estabt. 23

From The Commissioner for Coorg

To The Secy: to the Govt of India
Foreign Department
Simla

Dated 22nd Sept.
Despatched 23rd
Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 313
Estabt. No. 23

1865-66

Submits for sanction a Schedule containing the Establishment proposed to be entertained on the introduction of the Sudder Distts System into Coorg and appends certain remarks in explanation

General Nos 813 } 1863=66
" Detached " 23 }

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No 722 Dept 1863

To
The Sec. to the Govt of India
For. Dept

Sir

I am directed by the Governor General of H.E. the Viceroy & G.G. of India in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter containing the statistical returns of the consumption of the introduction of the Sudder Distillery System into Coorg, & to request that you will append the following remarks in explanation —

In the letter from the Govt of India under Sec. No 15-16 dated 7th Dec. 1864, it was stated that H.E. in Council would not object to the Sudder Distillery System being gradually introduced into the Mysore Districts, which alone

It is therefore proposed to call for returns showing the Govt Distillery Establishment

can
& Transport, and to
include them in an enclosure
of sufficient extent to admit
of there a more limited
indefinite number erecting
stills within; it being
understood that no
Transport will be allowed,
and that the Supt may,
if necessary, exercise
the right of selection.

The purchase of the
Govt Buildings will, of
course, be one of the distillers,
and it is considered ne-
cessary that these
buildings up for auction
to them as already two
applicants for them who
can each manufacture
Spirit under such
rules as Govt may prescribe.

The expense of
constructing the enclosure
above referred to, will be
defrayed from the proceeds of
the Govt premises.

To facilitate the dis-
tribution of Spirit, Transport
being in the Custom House
of Corps below the Stocks,

it is proposed to establish
depots in Madras & Bombay
at Madraspatam (the factory
of Moreau) and at
Seringapatam, and
in these, establishments
costing 29 Rs each month,
as shown in the Schedule,
will be required.

To inspect the two depots
and all the retail shops
occasionally, and to
ascertain that opium
is not clandestinely
manufactured & sold,
and that it is not
adulterated, a Darogah
& 2 peons at 4 Rs a month,
should be entertained.

The other items which
appear in the Schedule,
are Rs 77 & Rs 14-2-2
established in the depots,
Nine, and Rs 68 in the
Madras Distillery, chiefly
at Madraspatam near
Pursapatt.

As the Cadamy boat
cannot be erected before
March a Pinnace
should suffice, the
H.C. in Council believe

to appear the proposals
now submitted, that
the new system be
introduced from the
beginning of the ensuing
Official Year.

A Bowring
22/9/65

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Section	S. A
File No	3 – 1865.
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1865.

From The Dept of Coorg

To The Secretary to the Commissioner of Coorg

Dated 9th Nov Emileen 1865

Despatched — do —

Received 13th — do —

Enclosures No. nil

General No. 1443

Subject

Requesting early instructions regarding the Establishments proposed to be retained after the introduction into Coorg of the Seddler Distillery system with reference to this Office letter No 1047 dated 15th September 1865

Answer 13 Nov 65.

Reply that the Schedule of Establishments has been submitted to the Govt of India in Sec Dept of Revenue & copy of the letter Nos 2. 13/11/65. 11.65

Ans No 12 – Dy Sec to Govt 13/11/65.

14 No. 1443

Coorg Superintendent's Office

From

The Superintendent

of Coorg.

To

The Secretary

to the Commissioner for the affairs of Mysore

Bangalore

Dated Coorg 9th November 1863

Sir.

I have the honor to draw your attention to this office letter of the 15th September No. 1047 and to request the favor of early instructions regarding the proposal therein made both to enable me to make the necessary provision in the Budget and also to give notice of the proposed sale of the present Abkarree Buildings at Fraserpett.—

2. I beg to add that I entirely concur with Captain Cole's recommendation in favor of the present Manager of the Abkarree Department who was formerly a Talook Sheristadar, and is a most deserving servant.—

I have the honor to be

Sir.

Your most obedient Servant

W. Cullen

Superintendent

Section S.R.
File No 3–1868
Serial No 5

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From Secy. 1865

C. S. O. Gen. No 441 & No 92

To Supdt Gaol of Coorg -

Dated 15th Nov:

Despatched

Received 17 Feb 1866

Enclosures No./

General No 441 } 1865–66
& Estab No 92. }

From letter no: 1443

dated 9th Nov: 1865

In reply to the above intimates that the Schedule of the proposed Rudder Distillery Establishment for Coorg was transmitted to the Govt of India on the 22d Sept: under letter 313/23 copy of which is herein enclosed -

By order

B 15/11/65

Asst.

15/11 No 12 - Dy Supt -

Section S.R.
File No 3-1865
Serial No 7

1865 No 265

From The Superintendent of Coorg

To The Secretary to the Commissioner of Coorg

Dated 13th December 1865

Despatched Do

Received 19th Do

Enclosures No. 1

General No 1632

Subject.

Submitting opinion regarding the Estimate proposed by the late Superintendent for the Purchase of Distilleries &c in Coorg

Coorg
19 Dec 65.

Acknowledged the letter from Supt
Dt 19/12/65

Chief Court of Judicature
Dt 25/12/65

No 82 Dt 23/12/65

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Coorg Superintendent's Office

No. 1632

From

The Superintendent

of Coorg

To

The Secretary

to the Commissioner

for the affairs of Coorg

Bangalore

Dated Coorg 13th December 1865.

Sir,

I have the honor to report that I have carefully read the papers received with your Docket of the 6th Instant No. 4755/67 and that I think, that judging from the experience obtained in Oudh, the Government Establishment under the Sudder Distillery system in Coorg proposed by the late officiating Superintendent may be safely modified and its cost reduced by the substitution of one Darogah, one Mootsuddy and 3 Peons for the items marked A and B, in the Financial Secretary's letter. I would however give the Darogah Rupees 50 per mensem and make him nominally as well as really the Chief Government officer in connection with the Distillery, the Mootsuddy in charge of the accounts at the Distillery being his Deputy. It will be of importance and in reality, good economy in a Country where there are such temptations for illicit distilling and such facilities for it to make the preventive service

a sufficient and forcible - If the Rajah does his duty I think that there is the least number of Peons that should be given him. -

2. While proposing this Establishment however for the general superintendence of the District I think it is only fair that the Government of India should be made aware that the cases of a District in Oudh and that of Coorg are by no means analogous and that it can hardly now be said with confidence that this Establishment will be sufficient - It is evident from a letter Braddon states: that the small cost of the Establishment formerly here in Oudh is owing to assistance afforded by other Departments which will be entirely wanting in Coorg - Should it appear that in Oudh not only is the working of the whole body of subordinate Officers employed immediately controlled and protected by the Sub = = ordinate and District Officers but that it is under the supervision of the Tahseeldar or some Tahseeldar Officer, that the Distillery Storekeeper conducts the daily issue of liquor" that "the Tahseeldar holds the key of the Godowns in which the liquor is stored" and lastly and chiefly that "the cost of the guards is not debited to Abkarry Revenue - but is a heavy charge on Imperial" the Government of India will at once only need to be reminded that in Coorg there is no Police and that the Subordinate Tahseeldar Establishment consists of himself, a Sheristadar, Shroff, two Clerks, 6 Peons and a Sweeper on an aggregate salary of 112 Rupees

to see that in Coorg all this is impossible. The difficulty is further increased by the Judder Distillery being at a small village two miles from the Talook Head Quarters.

I respectfully submit that the addition of even the reduced amount of work to be henceforth transacted at the Huzzoor to the existing Revenue Establishment is equally to be deprecated. So long ago as December 1864, I brought to notice the difficulty experienced in carrying on the ordinary work of the District as it is now, with the Establishment sanctioned and paid as in 1835, and the discharge of the only Clerks who have hitherto been available to give assistance on occasion, to the more hardly worked Departments will increase this.

4. In regard to the Items of Tester at the Distillery and Gomastahs and Peons at the Wholesale Shops, I have only to say that in the absence of information as to how the duties to be performed by these men are performed in Oudh, their retention on the Establishment seems absolutely necessary. The strength of the Arrack must be tested by some one, and I can hardly understand how, when it appears from Para 7 of the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner's Letter of April 1862 that wholesale vendors were not then at least permitted to take the liquor to their shops without a guard, it can even in Oudh be found possible to dispense with all supervision after the liquor has got there. The only explanation

provided there shall be no public houses are only allowed at Police stations they are in some way under Police surveillance. This is not possible in Cork and I think therefore that when it is taken into consideration that owing to the situation of the Distillery below the Quay, almost the whole of the retail dealers will purchase from the two wholesale shops the Establishment proposed will appear moderate enough.-

5. With reference to the question raised as to the effect of the Act of the present Government Building, I am doubtful what is the difficulty alluded to, for as the Distillers must have buildings of some sort there would seem to be no greater difficulty in introducing the locked still into one than the other- except indeed that the necessity of intimating to purchasers the possibility of their having to make pecuniary sacrifices may make them unwilling to give so high a price as otherwise. It appears to me however that it would be better for many reasons not to call the Government Buildings but to adapt them for the use of private Distillers, and to let the necessary accommodation at a monthly or yearly rent- Indeed I doubt if it is likely that any body will be found willing to pay anything like the cost of the outlay for the buildings unless with the expectation of thereby securing a monopoly of the Distillery business, which it is not intended to allow, still I don't there be in itself a reason for not selling. The Establishment-

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of Individuals owning respective buildings inside the enclosure would seem also to be objectionable as impeding the free action of Government should it be hereafter thought advisable to make other arrangements. As Only the only buildings inside the enclosure would seem to be Canteens to cover the Stalls and a Liquor Godown, but these, apart from the fact that we start with buildings already existing, that must belong to some one, the Climate make some better shelter of stones &c Imperative and necessary for each Distiller. Supposing therefore that it is advisable and possible to find three persons willing to distill Arrack in the Enclosure as I believe it is, I would sell only the working Stock and give them the use of the buildings on the best terms I can make.

6. As being necessary to give at least three months notice to enable Distillers to have their Arrack ready for consumption on the 1st May next it will be necessary that the question of the sale of the buildings should be determined at once and I have the honor to request therefore that I may be favored with early orders thereon. One intending applicant has meantime applied for permission to erect a Still near Chitoor on the Maydore, Cannoor road, but I have informed him that this cannot be granted.

7. Take this opportunity of stating that I presume there will be no objection when advertising for tenders, to my stating that the successful applicants will be required to bind themselves to penalties in case of a short supply, or of their giving up without due notice. It will no doubt be their interest to keep up a good supply, but the necessity of bringing the Jams &c from a distance and keeping a large stock in hand may from time to time give rise to difficulties, that it is advisable that the Municipality should be bound under penalties to overcome. It has not unfrequently happened under the present system even that the supply has run short.

8. In regard to the provision to be made for the present Manager, I beg to state that I will submit a report immediately he returns from the Annual Leave on which he and all the Corp Officials are now absent. I shall however say that should he not prefer to retire at once there will be considerable advantages in keeping him on at the head of the Department on its first starting under the new system.

9. I return the enclosures of the Financial Secretary's letter as desired.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

Superintendent

Wain a guard at the Public
That this has therefore been
recommended to us.
In regard to the permission to Esta
I think that the Sup[t] should be
empowered to visit settlers if neces
sary, and to reject men
of a different character, that is t
say, that no settler can claim
a right to visit as a matter of
course.

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File No	3 - 0865
Serial No	8

1865 No 274

From
The Superintendent
Coorg

To
The Secretary
to the Commissioner

Dated 22nd December 1865

Despatched 23rd

Received

Enclosures. No.

General No. 1685

Subject.

Forwarding a statement of Services of the Abkari Manager Appiah, & suggesting the advisability of his retention after the introduction of the Fodder Destillery system to Coorg. for certain reasons

Comm[r] 29 Dec[r] 65

Forward to Sec[t] who of paras 1 - 2, communication from present Acting Sup[t] is very short I concur with this Sup[t] in his recommendation regarding the measures before the Sup[t] that there has been done, but at the same time approve of para: 3, that I consider that at this present it will be preferable to

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No. 1685

Coorg Superintendent's Office

From

The Superintendent

of Coorg

To The Secretary

to the Commissioner for the affairs of Coorg

Bangalore

Dated Coorg 22nd December 1865

Sir.

Adverting to Para 8 of my letter 1632 of the 13th Instant I have the honor to report that Chowrira Appaya is as I anticipated, most anxious to continue in the Government Service and that I think therefore that his retention as Head of the Abkaree Manager on his present pay for say the first two years of the new system is for many reasons desirable - Appaya is one of the oldest and most respected Coorg Officials and is second to none in zeal and integrity in the performance of his duties -

2 The Concession which I venture to recommend in favor of this one individual will not I hope be deemed unreasonable on another ground viz. the introduction of a change making so large a reduction in the number of appointments open to Coorgs who as the Commissioner is aware serve only in Coorg -

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but I forward also to save possible further Corres-
pondence, a Statement of Khoorsa Appaji's Service,
amounting in all to 35 Years and 9 Months which
would under the indulgence proposed in Para 6 of Mr.
Lushington's letter entitle him to receive on abolition
of appointment, a pension of half his average Salary
for the last five years.

3. I take this opportunity of stating that I
think on further consideration that I was wrong
in saying that a Government Establishment at each
Wholesale shop would be necessary - I was led to form
a Contrary opinion in a great measure by finding
that the liquor was guarded en route to the shop
in Oudh, but I see now that at his Shop the wholesale
Vendor will find so many people on the look out to discover
and report any infraction of his licence that he is not
likely to do it there, and at any rate if so minded is not
likely to be deterred by the presence of the Gomashtah
and Peons, who would be almost sure in the long
run to find it to their interest not to be too observant -
At any rate the check created by their presence is
doubtful while it is worth a trial whether heavy
penalties with. I presume rewards to informers will
not as in Oudh prove enough - I beg therefore to with-
draw

withdraw so much of my former letter as urges the retention of Establishments at the wholesale shops.

4 I beg also to request that when definite orders are passed for the introduction of the Sudden Distillery System, I may be informed if it is the Commissioner's wish that the number of persons permitted to distill should be limited and if not how those to whom permission is granted are to be chosen.—

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

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Superintendent

Statement Shewing the Services of Chowrira Appiah Manager Albany Department Coorg

Date of Appointment		Duration of Service: Years	Months	Days	Remarks
	In the late Rajahs Service				
1817 to 1822.	Shanbogue in the Yoongsurry grand Cutchery	5	"	"	Received remuneration from the late Rajah in Cloth grain presents &c
1822 to 1834.	Hoozoor Moonshee	12	"	"	
1834 to 1838	Do. and accompanied Rajah to Benares	4	"	"	Seventeen years of age at the time of first entertainment
	After the Assumption of Coorg under the British				
1851 August 1st	Appointed as Hoozoor Moonshee at 15 Rupees per Month	4	9	"	
1856 May 12th	" Soubedar of Yellooshaweraseemay Talook at 40 Rupees per Month	"	9	"	Tehsildar
1857 February 23rd	" Do. of Paddyna Nuaud Talook at 31 Rs. per Month	2	2	"	
1859 April 16th	" × Mocktapur of the Sunnyasi Cutchery at 60 Rs. per do	3	8	"	× Chief Police Native Civil Court
1862 December 1st	" × Soubedar of Mercara Talook at 45 Rs. per Month	1	4	"	× Tehsildar
1864 April 1st	" Ditto Ditto at 50 Rs. Ditto	"	1	"	
" May 1st	" Manager Albany Dept. at 80 Rs. per Month to April 1866	2	"	"	
	Total period of Service	35	9	"	

Superintendents Office
Coorg
23rd December 1865

Superintendent

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Section A.R
File No 3—1865
Serial No 9

From 1865. Genl. No. 509
Rev: " 31
The Commissioner for Coorg

To The Secy: to the Govt of India
Financial Department
Fort William

Dated Camp Chennagere 23rd Decr
Despatched ——— 30th "
Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 509
Rev: " 31

1865—66.

In reply to letter No. 285
of 31st Octr submits copy of a
letter from the Supdt of Coorg
on the subject of the Estabts
required on the introduction
of the Sudder Distillery Syste
into Coorg and states that the
Supdt of that District was
requested to report on the
feasibility of effecting a re-
duction on the proposed exc
penditure.

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Genl No 509 } 1865-66.
Rec: " 31 }

Camp Chennasere
23 Dec 1865

Sir,

In reply to your letter No 2851 of 31 ult on the subject of the Establishment required on the introduction into Coorg of the Sudder Distillery system, I have the honor to state that the Supt West District and requisitioned to report on the feasibility of effecting a reduction in the proposed expenditure. His reply will be found in the annexure

2. In discussing the several points noticed, it must be borne in mind that no strict analogy can be drawn between Coorg & Canara, the former being a mountainous country where secret distilling is easy, & where there is no organized Police, ~~this duty being performed by the~~ Peons being the only Police of the District. Mr Kerr has however endeavored to effect some reduction, and I think that his proposals, which are as follows, may be adopted.

* Letter from Coorg Supt 1632 of 13 Dec/65

3. Instead of the Establishment in para: 2 of your letter 31

A 1 Head Mohurrir, 1 Dfr & 2 Peons 77
not including
B 1 Darogah & 2 Peons 49
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Mr Kerr proposes

1 Darogah 50
1 Mohurrir 40
3 Peons @ 7 21
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Thus effecting a trifling saving of 15 but at the same time he considers that the difficult nature of the country makes it good economy to allow the Peons some, & therefore advocates the Darogahs salary being fixed at 50 instead of 35 as originally proposed.

4. As regards item C, it is certainly desirable that a letter is indispensable, and that 2 Peons, which is the amount of one man a duty, are really necessary to guard the Distillery in the absence of any aid from the Police, as I have above observed. There is no Police in Long, and I do not think that the Jemmadar by himself, though they must be under his orders, could be called on to furnish a Guard for the Distillery every day.

5. As the whole of the Spirit consumed in the District will be procured from the Mahadeopet shops, for the Guard of which no police is available, I think it will be best that the Establishment for Mahadeopet (Mohurrir and Peon) and Vemanpet is truly necessary.

6. Mr Kerr in para: 5 of his letter advocates the retention of the present building for Distillery & sees no objection provided that the cost of the necessary alterations, which would otherwise be met out of the sale price, is sanctioned. An estimate can in that case be prepared, the amount being met out of the Excise income.

7. A further report regarding the measures referred to in para: 6 of your letter will be submitted hereafter.

I have &c
W Lemming

General Ltr. 517 } 1865-66
Rev. Finl. 57. }

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L. L. G.

Section L. R
File No 3 – C865
Serial No 10

To

The Supt. of Cusy.

In reply to your letter No. 1685 of the 22nd instant regarding the retention of the services of the C. Appaya as the head of the Abkaree Establishment on his present pay for the first two years of the new system, I am directed to state that the subject has been forwarded for the consideration of the Govt. of India, and to observe with reference to para: 3, that Government considers that at the outset it will be desirable to retain a guard at the wholesale shops and that duty has therefore been recommended to Govt.

D 3/12/61 –

2. In regard to the permission to distill, the Govt. considers that the Supt. should be empowered to select distillers of ascertained sobriety, and to reject men of a different character, that is to say, that no distiller can claim a right to distil as a matter of course –

1865 Genl=Dpt=517
Rev: & 57

To
The Superintendent of Coorg

Dated 30th December
Desp: 2nd Jany: 1866

Genl=Dpt=517 } 1865-66
Rev: & 57 }

In reply to his letter
Dpt & 1685 of the 22nd Augt: re-
-garding the retention of the
services of C. Appaya as Hd
of the Ab: Karry Dept on his
present pay for the first two
years of the new system, states
that the subject has been for-
-warded for the consideration
of the Govt of India -

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